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President
Board of Education

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

Minutes are final and were approved at the October 16, 2025, board meeting.

Meeting start: 6:00 pm

LIVESTREAM LINK:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/j.php?MTID=m18d6a346e4b45926df5be334d08b897b>

To join by phone: 646-992-2010

Event Id: 2340 349 1885

Present: Shelley Palmer, Kurt Maier, Tylea Gebbie, Blake Kush, Angela Beber, Mary Yurista, Jennifer Rogowski, Marion Spar, and Dr. Melissa Boles

Also present: Jason Chevrier, Ryan Palmer, Robert Santarcangelo, Angela Tomasini, James Derby, Megan Sullivan, Jacqueline Hill, Mary Sheedy and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

A. **President Shelley Palmer**, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. **President Shelley Palmer**, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. **Kurt Maier moved** for approval of the Present Agenda, **Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.**

D. **Mary Yurista moved** to approve the minutes of July 10, 2025, Organizational / Regular Meeting and August 7, 2025, Regular Meeting, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

2. REPORTS

A. Opening of School

Jason Chevrier shared information for the start of school, the new Vision and Mission Statements, thanked the facilities department for the hard work getting the buildings and grounds looking good for students to come back to, thanked the transportation department for the great work they do with the students, athletics enrollment and interest from parents and students for a modified volleyball team, the district is working on an option for intramurals for the modified level students until it can be discussed further through budgeting, Golf has 22 student this year, but only 6 can compete. He shared what the topics were for his welcome back remarks, and welcoming students back at the buildings, and events and happenings in September.

B. Reserve Fund Plan

Ryan Palmer explained the reserve fund plan for the upcoming year.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

April Smith spoke and thanked the board for their support and apologized if miscommunication caused any issues.

4. POLICY(IES)

Kurt Maier moved for approval of item 4. A., Tylea Gebbie seconded, all present in favor.

A. Approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy(ies):
0000 Mission Statement and Vision

5. DISTRICT/BUILDING UPDATES/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOE

A. District Updates

- Student Rep to BOE – Addison Loszynski was introduced to the board as this year's Ex Officio Member of the Board of Education
- IMA with Town of Schodack for SRO – Mr. Chevrier stated that the IMA is on the agenda for approval through 2028, he thanked the Town of Schodack, Supervisor Peter, and Chief Southworth for the cooperation with the District.
- Seymour Fox Memorial Foundation, Inc. Grant for Backpack Program - Grant has been received in past years, this year a donation of \$9000.00 will go directly to the food bank, to support our program.
- Desha's Law – amendment to District Wide Safety Plan, for sudden cardiac arrest, need to put up for public comment for 30 days and then request board approval.
- UFLI Update – Mary Sheedy and James Derby explained the program and how it is used at the elementary school, a phonics program was piloted last year at the elementary school, and will be used across grades this year.
- Capital Project Update – Waiting on a response from National Grid on the Electrical Main at the District Office Building, timeline is still looking out to November 2026, as we get closer, a more detailed timeline will be shared. Paperwork for the CES \$100,000 project is being worked on and will be sent for signature, we will keep you posted on the projects.
- Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption – Letter received about the exemption being lower than the County exemption. Ryan Palmer has reached out to the County and will get it sorted out for the next tax season.
- Agenda - Minor changes – Contracts and donations will be handled different, the gifts and donations will not include estimated amounts for donation of goods and the contracts pertaining to students will be put in Executive Content. In a small district is it easy to identify students, this is an extra safety precaution.
- Golf Cart – continue to have issues with the golf cart, presents a problem with spring sports and senior citizens getting down to the baseball field, work is being done to try to come up with a solution.
- Enrollment Report attached for review.

B. Building Updates

- Castleton Elementary School – School has started off great, I-Ready will begin, and safety drills started last week. Megan Sullivan expressed that the Castleton senior Group has been generous with donations of school supplies, adaptive playground equipment is being installed in the playground.

- Maple Hill Jr/Sr High School – off to a good start, Robotics in 7th grade skills class, cell phones have been a big topic, good start, union reps have had positive reports, students are engaging and results have been positive. Welcomed Addison Loszynski as Ex Officio Member.

C. Student Representative to the Board of Education

Addy talked with some students, initially disappointment with ban, but it has been positive socially, conversing with students they normally wouldn't have, concerns over connections with parents but felt confident that a plan was in place to address that.

6. FINANCE

Kurt Maier moved to approve items 6. A. through 6. E., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

A. Acceptance of the attached Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2025.

B. Acceptance of the attached Claims Auditor's Report for the month of July 2025.

C. Approval of Contract(s)/Leases(s)

D. Approval/Acknowledgement of Gift(s)/Donation(s)

Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations for Acceptance (Increasing General Fund) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Schodack Central School District				
Gifts & Donations to be Acknowledged (CM) at Board Meeting Date:				
DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CODE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NextStep Federal Credit Union		School Supplies		10 backpacks filled with school supplies. See attached Letter from NextStep FCU.
Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2703		School Supplies		Various school supplies collected at the "Family and Friends Carnival" and supplied to Schodack Central School District

E. Approval to Declare Surplus

Schodack Central School District				
Surplus Approvals for Board Meeting Date: September 18, 2025				
SURPLUS ITEMS	VALUE OF SURPLUS	TAG #/SERIAL-VIN #	CONDITION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CES Library Books - Weeding	N/A	N/A	Used	See attached log

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve item 6. F., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor.

F. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Reserve Fund Plan as presented in this meeting.

Mary Yurista moved to approve item 6. G., Marion Spar seconded, all present in favor.

G. Approval of a resolution authorizing the District Treasurer to transfer funds and/or move funds within the reserves as follows; transfer in the amount of \$553,000 from the General Fund (A909) to the Reserve for Capital Fund 2022 (A878-22), and to transfer the amount of \$700,000 from the General Fund (A909) to the Employee Benefits Reserve (A889).

Angela Beber moved to approve items 6. H. through 6. I., Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.

H. Acknowledgment of receipt of the Decision of Hearing Officer for a Small Claims Assessment Review for Kyle Haller for real property located at 591 River Road, Schodack Landing, NY (225.1-1-20) for a reduction of taxes due from \$14,606.24 to \$13,526.45.

I. Approval of AMENDED reimbursable meal prices for the 2025-26 school year as follows:
Reduced price Breakfast and Lunch \$0.00, Milk \$0.50, and Adult prices Breakfast \$3.01 plus tax and Lunch \$5.27 plus tax.

7. OTHER ACTION

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 7. A. through 7. C., Kurt Maier seconded, all present in favor

A. Approval of the recommendation of the District Committee on Preschool Special Education and/or Committee on Special Education regarding Special Education Services for student(s) as indicated on attached Executive Content reports.

B. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Schodack Central School District and the Schodack Faculty Association regarding compensation for additional instructional sections.

C. Approval of an amended Contract between Schodack Central School District and the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services.

8. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Tylea Gebbie moved to approve items 8. A. through 8. D., Marion Spar Seconded, all present in favor.

Jason Chevrier thanked Michelle Dellavechia for her time with the district and work done while she was here.

A. Approval of Staffing Actions

Staffing Actions for Board Meeting Date: September 18, 2025				
RESIGNATIONS	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	COMMENT
Michelle Dellavechia	Account Clerk/Typist	October 10, 2025	Resignation	
Michele Kayser	Teaching Assistant	September 26, 2025	Resignation	
Jolie Scerbo	Long-term substitute	September 1, 2025	Resignation	
Robert Morris	School Bus Driver	August 5, 2025	Resignation	
Nicholas Servidone	Automotive Mechanic	August 22, 2025	Resignation	
Martin Finney	Teaching Assistant (part-time)	August 18, 2025	Resignation	
Peyton Mosher	Coach - Boys JV Basketball	August 25, 2025	Resignation	
Mary Bond	School Social Worker	August 19, 2025	Resignation	
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS	SUBSTITUTE AREA			RATE
Michele Kayser	Teacher and Non Instructional/Teaching Assistant			Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Meeting.
Darlene Alecksynas	Teacher and Non Instructional/Teaching Assistant			Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Meeting.
Sarah Lackmann	Non-instructional			Rate set at July 10, 2025 Organizational Meeting.
Jason Clark	Long-term substitute teacher for Danielle Griner for the 2025-26 school year.			MA 5
APPOINTMENT	AREA / TYPE		EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE
Deirdre Harwick	School Social Worker - Part time .4 FTE		September 23, 2025	MA Step 5
CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT	AREA / POSITION	INCORRECT INFORMATION	CORRECTION	COMMENT

Samantha Tedford	Special Education Teacher	Salary BA Step 1	Salary MA Step 1	n/a
Shannon Verbraska	Elementary Education Teacher	Salary MA Step 1	Salary BA Step 2	n/a
ADVISOR / COACH	ACTIVITY	DURATION	RATE	
Alexander Herrling - Advisor	Jazz Band	2025-26 School Year	Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract	
Alexander Herrling - Advisor	Memorial Day Marching Band	2025-26 School Year	Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract	
Alexander Herrling - Advisor	All County Music - Winter	2025-26 School Year	Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract	
Alexander Herrling - Advisor	All County Music - Fall	2025-26 School Year	Stipend per Appendix C of SFA Contract	
Ryan Palmer - Volunteer Assistant Coach	Wrestling (all teams)	2025-26 School Year	N/A Volunteer	

B. Approval of Transportation Hours

Schodack Central School District		
TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL for 2025-2026 school year; Board meeting date September 18, 2025.		
ROUTE #	HOURS	EMPLOYEE NAME
ROUTE 1	4.5	Frederick Hiller III
Late Bus Tue./Wed./Thur. as needed	1	
ROUTE 2	4	James Hines
Late Bus Tue./Wed./Thur. as needed	1	
ROUTE 3	4.5	Gail Akins
Late Bus Tue./Wed./Thur. as needed	1	
ROUTE 4	5	Jo-Anna Wolfe
Late Bus Tue./Wed./Thur. as needed	1	
ROUTE 5	5	David Scott VanNederynen

Late Bus Tue./Wed./Thur. as needed	1	
ROUTE 6	5.25	Denise Bates
ROUTE 7	4	Nicholas Servidone
Late Bus Tue./Wed./Thur.	1	
ROUTE 8	4	Ricky Lee Swartz
ROUTE 9	5	Steven Soltys
ROUTE 10	4	Edward Kraus
ROUTE 11	5.5	Christopher Slingerland
ROUTE 12	6	Deborah Pfeffer
ROUTE 13	7.25	Jennifer Campbell
ROUTE 14	7.25	Kandee Goodall
ROUTE 15	7.5	Kara Householder
ROUTE 16	TBD	TBD
SCHOOL BUS ATTENDANT:		
ROUTE #		
ROUTE 10 am	1.75	Haley Salvagione
ROUTE 10 pm	2	Krista Halvax
ROUTE 11	2.25	Haley Salvagione
ROUTE 12 (2 attendants on bus)	5.5	Chelsea Skarzynski
ROUTE 12 (2 attendants on bus)	4	Emmie Hagadone
BUS 5 SCHODACK TOWN CAMP		
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ROUTE 13	6.5	Deborah Clifford
ROUTE 14	5.25	Jeffery Gibney

C. Approval of a resolution, that the Board hereby creates a temporary, 1.0 FTE Science 7-12 teaching position, effective September 1, 2025. Such temporary position shall be abolished effective June 30, 2026; and it is further Resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Laurel

Hay is appointed to a temporary, non-tenure track position as a Science 7-12 teacher, commencing on September 1, 2025, and ending no later than June 30, 2026.

D. Motion to approve Lisa Bryda as a casual worker at a rate of \$35.04 per hour for up to 20 days, the equivalent of up to 120 hours, in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. END BUSINESS MEETING

A. Agenda Planning

Kurt Maier asked for a report on Special Ed – look at the program, outplaced numbers and learn more about what is happening in Special Ed.

Mary Yurista asked for an update on the Stop Arm Camera statistics.

B. Board Member Comment

Angela Beber, NYSSBA liaison, participated in webinars with others from across the state, allowed her to speak and ask questions or express concerns, she also thanked Ryan Palmer on how he presented and explained things terms they understand.

Mary Yurista asked Angela Beber to talk about the Bike rodeo; Angela Beber stated that it will take place this Sunday at Castleton Elementary School from 10:00 – 2:00

Shelley Palmer thanked the administration for parent night, it was informative.

Tylea Gebbie also talked about parent night and thought it was good.

Kurt Maier asked Robert Santarcangelo about cursive writing and if it is still supported. Robert stated it needs to be looked at again to see where it fits in the younger grades.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Marion Spar moved** to adjourn to executive session at 7:38 pm., to discuss the personnel history of a particular person, and litigation matters, **Jennifer Rogowski seconded, all present in favor.**

B. Kurt Maier moved to reconvene to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk